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SUBJECT: ROK AMBASSADOR CALLS ON ACTING SECRETARY

1. KOREAN AMBASSADOR KIM YONG-SIK PAID A COURTESY CALL ON ACTING SECRETARY MAY 9.
2. AMONG SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES RAISED WAS QUESTION OF CONSULTATIONS ON TROOP WITHDRAWAL PROCESS. ACTING SECRETARY TOLD AMBASSADOR ABOUT PLANS FOR EMISSARIES TO VISIT SEOUL TO BEGIN CONSULTATIONS WITH KOREAN GOVERNMENT ON GROUND TROOP WITHDRAWALS AND RELATED ISSUES. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION, ACTING SECRETARY MADE IT CLEAR THAT CONSULTATIONS WOULD INVOLVE GENUINE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS IN WHICH ROK POSITIONS WOULD BE FULLY TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT. ACTING SECRETARY ALSO SAID THAT WHILE HE WAS NOT PREPARED TO DISCUSS IN ANY DETAIL WHAT GROUND EMISSARIES WOULD BE COVERING, IT WAS
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CLEAR THAT THEY WOULD REITERATE OUR CONTINUING COMMITMENT TO THE SECURITY OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA.

3. AMBASSADOR KIM EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR ACTING SECRETARY'S REMARKS, IMPLYING THAT HE HAD NOT BEEN INFORMED OF EMISSARY PLAN BY KOREAN GOVERNMENT.

4. ACTING SECRETARY RAISED HUMAN RIGHTS QUESTION, NOTING

THAT SECRETARY HAD POINTED OUT TO AMBASSADOR NEED FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN NEAR TERM. HE ASKED AMBASSADOR WHAT STEPS WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO EXPECT IN NEAR FUTURE. AMBASSADOR ASSERTED THAT HE HAD LITTLE TO ADD TO WHAT PRESIDENT PARK HAD WRITTEN TO PRESIDENT CARTER AND WHAT HE HIMSELF HAD TOLD SECRETARY. HE REITERATED ROK POSITION THAT IT WOULD BE MORE DIFFICULT FOR GOVERNMENT TO TAKE AMELIORATIVE ACTION WHICH APPEARED FORCED ON IT BY FOREIGN POWER. HE HOPED THAT THROUGH MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING OF EACH OTHER'S PROBLEMS AND THROUGH U.S. WILLINGNESS TO GIVE ROK MORE TIME, ISSUE COULD BE SATISFACTORILY SOLVED. ACTING SECRETARY SAID HE UNDERSTOOD ROK DESIRE NOT TO APPEAR TO BE BENDING TO OUTSIDE PRESSURE BUT TIME HAD COME FOR ROK TO TAKE APPROPRIATE STEPS OR SOUTH KOREAN STANDING WITH THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, THE CONGRESS, AND THE ADMINISTRATION WOULD INEVITABLY DETERIORATE.

5. EVIDENTLY ACTING UNDER INSTRUCTIONS, AMBASSADOR KIM SAID HE WANTED TO RAISE THE NON-RUBBER FOOTWEAR PROBLEM. HE POINTED OUT THAT KOREA'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND ABILITY TO EXPORT HAD A BENEFICIAL EFFECT ON STABILITY IN THE NORTHEAST ASIAN AREA. HE HOPED THAT THE U.S. WOULD BE SYMPATHETIC TO KOREAN NEEDS. ACTING SECRETARY NOTED THAT IN CALLING FOR AN ORDERLY MARKET AGREEMENT, THE PRESIDENT HAD TAKEN THE MOST LIBERAL COURSE OPEN TO HIM WITH REGARD TO RESTRICTING FOOTWEAR IMPORTS. WE ARE AWARE OF KOREAN CONCERNS AND HOPE SATISFACTORY MEASURES CAN BE WORKED OUT. CONFIDENTIAL

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6. AMBASSADOR KIM ALSO RAISED THE FISHERIES QUOTA, EXPRESSING THE HOPE THAT THE QUOTA FOR KOREA COULD BE INCREASED. THE ACTING SECRETARY SAID THAT THE FISHERIES ISSUE WAS COMPLICATED, INVOLVING MANY COUNTRIES AND INTERNAL U.S. INTERESTS. HE ADVISED THE AMBASSADOR TO KEEP IN TOUCH WITH OES ON THIS MATTER. CHRISTOPHER

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